

# They will know us by our Love John 13:35

## **JUNE, 2023 NEWSLETTER**

### **JUNE THEME: MOVING BEYOND ME**

#### **June Fighter Verse — Proverbs 11:24-25**

“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

### **OUR WORSHIP**

**IN-PERSON  
LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @  
11:00AM  
[www.centralbaptistnyc.org](http://www.centralbaptistnyc.org)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Adult Sunday School 9:45AM via Zoom  
Youth Sunday School 11:15AM  
Kindergarten to 12th Grade  
—2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.**

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Father's Day is a day set apart to celebrate fatherhood, recognize the influence of fathers in our homes and society, and foster paternal bonds. It is also celebrated to honor and commemorate our fathers and forefathers. While it is celebrated in the U.S. on the third Sunday of June, in many other countries the officially recognized date of Father's Day varies. It is believed that Father's Day was first observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd, a Christian woman and the daughter of American Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart. Sonora's mother died when she was age 16, and she wanted a day that would commemorate and honor fathers like her own, who had raised her and five other children.



Once she began soliciting the idea of an official Father's Day, she met some opposition and even derision, but she persevered. A bill was introduced in Congress in 1913, and in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson spoke at a Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington, wanting to make it an official holiday, but Congress still resisted. In 1924, Calvin Coolidge became involved, and in 1930 a national committee was formed by various trade groups in an effort to legitimize the holiday. The battle continued, and in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson made a proclamation for the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Finally, it was made an official national holiday when President Nixon signed a similar proclamation in 1972.

The Bible recognizes a special place of honor for men who were leaders or examples of excellence in certain skills, such as Jabal, who was “the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock” and his brother Jubal, who was “the father of all who play the harp and flute” (Genesis 4:20-21). Also, when Abram's name was changed to Abraham, God told him, “I have made you a father of many nations” (Genesis 17:5), clearly indicating fatherhood as a place of honor in His eyes.

The theme of fatherhood in the very person of God Himself through countless scriptures (Matthew 5:45; 6:9,32; Romans 1:7; 15:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6). There are many instances that speak of Jesus Christ, the Son, honoring His Father and honoring the will of His Father (e.g., John 17:1 and John 17:5).

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June. In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

From: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Fathers-Day.html> and <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day#origins-of-father-s-day>

- **Ephesians 6:4:** "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- **Proverbs 1:8:** "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."
- **2 Corinthians 6:18:** "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."
- **Psalms 103:13:** "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

We thank God for our fathers, those of us who have and had good fathers. Yet we need to pray for those whose fathers were not good, or not there. Let's pray for those who are waiting for a new life to come into this world that they will seek God's wisdom and direction as they raise the young life.

HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**As of May 14, 2023  
we have collected  
\$15,015.49**

## Pastor's Devotional



**PRIDE**

**VS**

**HUMILITY**

Luke 20:45-47 — While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup>“Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

**A**t the end of end of Luke 20:47 Jesus condemns the teachers of the law for one final thing, the length of their public prayers. When the teachers of the law prayed in the synagogues, they were more concerned with displaying their eloquence and being seen than with truly addressing God and making their needs known. They prayed the prayers that Jesus criticizes in Matthew 6:19, the type of prayer that is the mark of hypocrites, **“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others.”**

And though Jesus is critical of the teachers of the law who crave the spotlight, behind all this is also a condemnation of the culture that creates the environment for men like this to flourish. It is because they lived in a culture that valued celebrity, a culture that places a high worth on clothes and money and position that these teachers of the law felt a need to lift themselves up. They were given special greetings and accorded a special status because people were and continue to be impressed by celebrity rather than character. It happens today in our culture where we create celebrities out of Instagram influencers all because they project a type of lifestyle that suggest fame and wealth. I believe in Luke 20:47 by criticizing the teachers of the law, Jesus is teaching his disciples to avoid the pursuit of and a desire to be false celebrities.

Central you remember Tareq and Michaela Salahi? You might not recall the names, but you remember their actions. Tareq and Michaela was the couple that famously crashed the White House state dinner held in honor of Israeli Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during President Barak Obama’s

second term. Camera crews followed them around as they got dressed for this celebrated black-tie event; and when they arrived at the White House, they were able to pass through two security checks without an invitation. The security crews thought that because they dressed the part and had a camera crew filming them, they were invited guests. During the dinner the couple managed to take photographs with then White House chief of staff Rahm Emmanuel, Vice President Joe Biden, and they even took a picture of with President Obama, a photo that Michaela later that night posted on her Facebook.

You may ask what would motivate a couple to take that risk knowing if they were discovered they would face federal charges; there are some people in this world who crave attention so much, who desire recognition so much, who want to rub shoulders with so called important people so much, who want to be noticed so much, that they will do anything to get it. A disciple of Jesus cannot be that way. And moreover, God is not pleased by those who are seeking human attention rather than pursuing divine approval.



Michaela and Tareq Salahi

Credit...Gerald Herbert/AP  
https://  
www.nytimes.com/2010/05/21/us/  
politics/21salahi.html

Jesus will say to us at the end of v. 47 that though people may be impressed with celebrity, with clothes and money and status, God is not. The same people who were ushered to the head of the table, who were given the most impressive seats in the synagogue are the same people who God has reserved special punishment for. Jesus says that God will have a VIP section in hell for people who seek human approval rather than doing God’s will. God is not impressed with our status. God will not make room for us at his table because of our position. What impresses God is obedience and the people for whom God makes room at his table are those who humble themselves.

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**



As you reflect on Pastor’s Devotional, keep it in mind when you pray and when you do acts of service.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

### Bible Study

#### 2 Timothy 2:14-15

*Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults—9:45AM—will meet through July and take August off

Youth -11:15A, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays—taking off Jul & Aug

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

#### COMING IN THE FALL

URBACAD RETURNS

see page 8 for a full description

#### NEWSLETTER ADDS AN ARTS SECTION

See page 8 for a full description and how you can participate.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

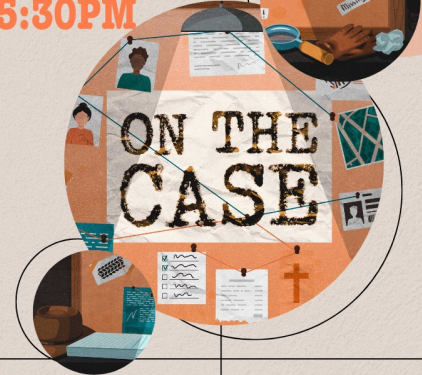
7:00—8:00PM — **Book of Jonah**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUL 24TH-28TH**  
**8AM-5:30PM**



**CHILD (AGES 5-13)  
REGISTRATION  
OPENS JUNE 1ST**

For more information visit:  
[www.centralbaptistnyc.org](http://www.centralbaptistnyc.org) or email  
[youth@centralbaptistnyc.org](mailto:youth@centralbaptistnyc.org)

GROWING SPIRITUALLY DOESN'T HAVE TO  
BE AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY!  
TAKE A FIVE-DAY JOURNEY WITH KID  
DETECTIVES AS THEY DIG INTO A FEW OF  
JESUS' PARABLES TO SOLVE THE MYSTERIES  
OF HOW TO GROW THEIR FAITH, CARE,  
SERVE, AND LOVE OTHERS.

## Senior Ministry Events

#### SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 @ 2:00pm

Location: The Parlor

All seniors 55 and older are invited to join us.

#### SENIOR MINISTRY BOOK CLUB MEETING

Saturday, June 3 — 2-4PM

Miss Anne's Room

As of this publication the Book Club has been reading,  
"How to Age Without Getting Old" by Joyce Meyers.

All seniors are invited to join us.

- Join us In-Person in Ms. Ann's Room
- Or dial in on your phone:(929) 205-6099

Enter the meeting ID 816 901 3583 when prompted.



**SOLD OUT!**

**Senior Trip to Sight & Sound  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**COST: \$200.00 per person all  
inclusive**

*See Otis Coleman for details and  
payment plan.*



## June Birthdays



Name	Birthday
Michelle Phillips	June 4
Niesha Foster	June 4
Demetrius Archer	June 6
Clara Rivera-Keita	June 7
Emma Woodard	June 8
Coral Aubert	June 10
Mona Parks	June 10
Mariah Ramos	June 11
James Stone	June 12
Robert Joseph Casteline	June 12
Laura Woodard	June 14
Jill Fortune	June 17
Lelia Fuller	June 22
Ariante Marcelin	June 24

Carlos Tejeda	June 24
Toshira Riojas	June 27
Melvina Ellis	June 28
Janice Mayers	June 29

*May the abundance of the Love of Christ fill all the days of your life. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*



## PRAYER MEETINGS

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, JUNE 16 @ 12:30PM  
Join the Zoom meeting by phone at  
646-558-8656

### PRAYER MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE PHONE

(609) 746-1164  
Access Code: 667293#  
Monday & Thursday  
6-6:30 AM

### EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month  
Friday, June 30 @ 7:00PM  
In Person in the Parlor or

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413> or

In-Dial into the Zoom Meeting phone number:  
646-558-8656

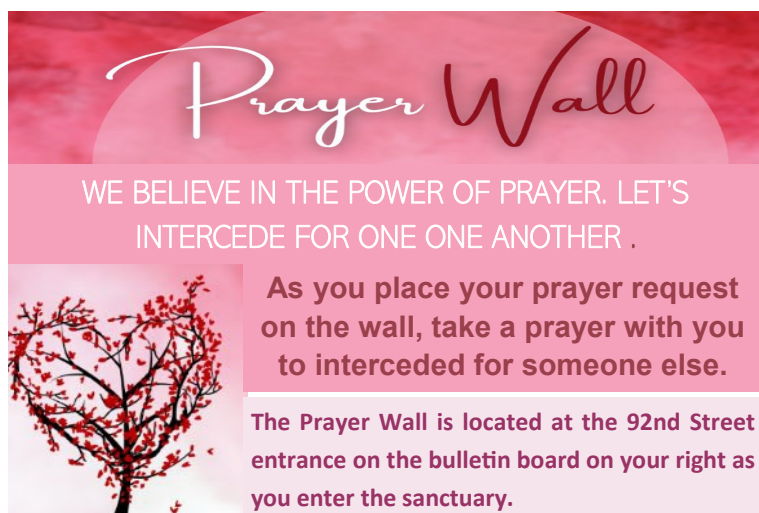
### MID-WEEK PRAYER

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM  
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#

### CORPORATE PRAYER FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT

The leaders of Central Baptist Church are asking you to join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 12PM for corporate prayer. We will be praying specifically about the building project as well as anything you would like. Please note this is not a time to discuss the details of the project but to pray. If you have questions about the project, please call the church to speak to Pastor Fils-Aime.

We will be using the prayer line phone number:  
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#



*Daniel 9:20-22 — While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill— while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding."*

## TAKING CARE OF OUR TEMPLE



**O**n Palm Sunday, Elder Chris Phillips had a massive heart attack. We were all shocked because we had just seen him on church and he looked perfectly healthy. During the crisis, his heart stopped for 6 minutes and the days and weeks that followed were filled with prayer, and all forms of congregation reaching out to the family. On Sunday, May 21, seven weeks later, Elder Chris was back at church worshipping with us. At the end of service he thank the Central family for their prayers and support. He also urged us to get annual physicals and discuss the details of your health with your healthcare provider and do the what they recommend. Don't be just a hearer of the "word" but be a "doer."

We need to care for our health and one thing we can do is be mindful of what we eat and get ample exercise. *The Medical News Today* website publishes a cardiac diet and below is a portion of that article.

Keep Elder Chris and his family in prayer and ask God to lead you and guide you, and keep you as you take care of your temple. Remember it's not for your sake only you want to be healthy, but your gifts and talents are needed to build up the Body of Christ.

### ABOUT THE CARDIAC DIET

The cardiac diet prioritizes foods such as vegetables, whole grains, and oily fish. These foods are beneficial for heart health. The diet also limits processed foods that are high in sugar and salt, as these can increase the risk of heart disease.

The cardiac diet aims to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease by encouraging people to eat heart-healthy, anti-inflammatory foods.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA) Trusted Source, these are the basic principles of the cardiac diet:

- ◆ include a wide variety of vegetables and fruits
- ◆ limit sugar and salt
- ◆ choose whole grains instead of highly refined or white grains



### Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Dates:

May 13, 2023

May 27, 2023

June 10, 2023

June 24, 2023

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

- ◆ get protein from plant sources such as legumes, nuts, and seeds, whenever possible
- ◆ if including animal products in the diet, try to choose:
  - ◆ fish and seafood
  - ◆ lean meats
  - ◆ low fat or fat-free dairy
  - ◆ cook with liquid non-tropical plant oils, such as olive oil
  - ◆ limit highly processed foods
  - ◆ if including alcohol in the diet, try to do so in moderation (consider removing alcohol from their diet.)

The cardiac diet also involves adjusting calorie intake and exercise levels to reach or maintain a moderate weight. This can have numerous health benefits, including reducing the risk of developing heart disease and diabetes.

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Herode And Edline Guillomettre  
Haiti

In a country that faces political turmoil, an uprising in Voodoo, and a lack of basic resources, Pastor Herode Guillomettre along with his wife Edline have been a Pillar of Hope in Haiti for over two decades. Pastor G, which he likes to be called, is not only an evangelist but is a strong advocate for education and social reform.



Pastor G. and Edline have built the Kingdom of God in Haiti by saving lives amid the chaos. Prayers make their Ministry strong and solid in that country despite all the adversities they have encountered. With all the obstacles that the Guillomettres' face, they are determined to never give up and to continue to do their Ministry work

with joy and happiness knowing they are serving God. Pastor Guillomettre finds great comfort in Isaiah 43: 1-5 knowing that God is with him.

Pastor Guillomettre's Prayer requests are:

Pray for our financial obligation this year to keep our schools open, especially for the schooling our daughters Deinlee and Leissa attend. This year is a challenge for us to pay the school and to meet our daily obligations. (Our monthly operating cost is \$2,500.00 US Dollars).

Our church members have a lot of needs, please pray for them that God give them strength and courage to not abandon Him in their difficult time.

Pray for traveling mercy to and from the Missions Doors Leadership Conference in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from June 11th to June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CURRENT PROJECTS\***

Haiti Relief

Haiti's Children's School Scholarships



Haiti Ministry Fund

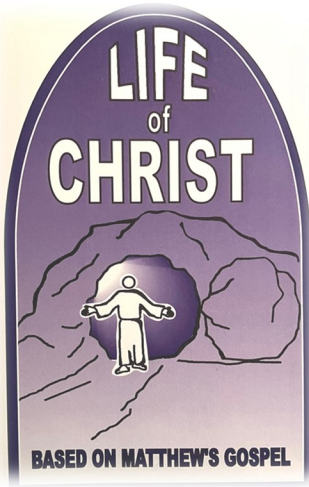
\*[www.missionsdoor.org/missionary/guillomettre-herode-and-edline/](http://www.missionsdoor.org/missionary/guillomettre-herode-and-edline/)

**June 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK OUT DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.</b>				1 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:50-6:30P Youth Bible Study—Zoom	2	3
4 9:45A —Adult Sunday School	5	6 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	7 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	8 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:50-6:30P Youth Bible Study—Zoom	9	10 11:00A—SENIOR EXERCISE. CHAPEL
11 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL <u>UrbAcad informational meeting</u>	12	13 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	14 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	15 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:50-6:30P Youth Bible Study—Zoom	15	17 2:00-4:00P SENIOR LUNCHEON, PARLOR
18 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 1P WOMEN'S PRAYER	19	20 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	21 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	22 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:50-6:30P Youth Bible Study—Zoom	23	24 11:00A—SENIOR EXERCISE. CHAPEL
25	26	27 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	28 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	29 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:50-6:30P Youth Bible Study—Zoom	30 7P—Evening Prayer via Zoom	

# Coming in September

## URBACAD STARTS IN SEPTEMBER



### What is URBACAD?

The Life of Christ, Based on Matthew's Gospel, is a six-part series of studies which engage the head, the heart, and the "hands" of the disciple.

We will delve into:

- Christ's introduction and infancy (Book 1)
- the year of preparation (Book 2)
- the year of popularity (Book 3)
- the year of passion (Book 4 & 5)
- His Risen Life (Book 6)

The workbooks use a simple programmed-instruction approach, with continual review and reinforcement of knowledge and structure. These workbooks serve as a virtual "teacher," presenting essential truths about the Bible, theology, Bible background, and practical use of Bible truths in daily living and church leadership. Typically, these workbook units are completed individually between group meetings.

The Life of Christ books are most effective in the context of a cohort of students meeting together weekly to review the lessons learned, share insights from the Scripture, and encourage one another to grow in their walk with the Lord Jesus. And the "hands" of the students are engaged through required ministry assignments which reinforce the studies and the input of other students through practical application.

A group leader keeps the students focused on the unit objectives, but he/she is not a "teacher" or lecturer. The students learn to articulate their own understanding of the Scriptures, and to respond to others' ideas, in a godly and mature manner.

3-year commitment (2 semesters per year, Fall & Spring) 13 - 15 weeks

Expense: 1 Book per semester (\$25 + \$1.25 shipping surcharge + cc charge fee)

Begin in September 2023

UrbAcad INFO meeting: Sunday, June 11th after service

### NEW

## ARTS AND LETTERS SECTION

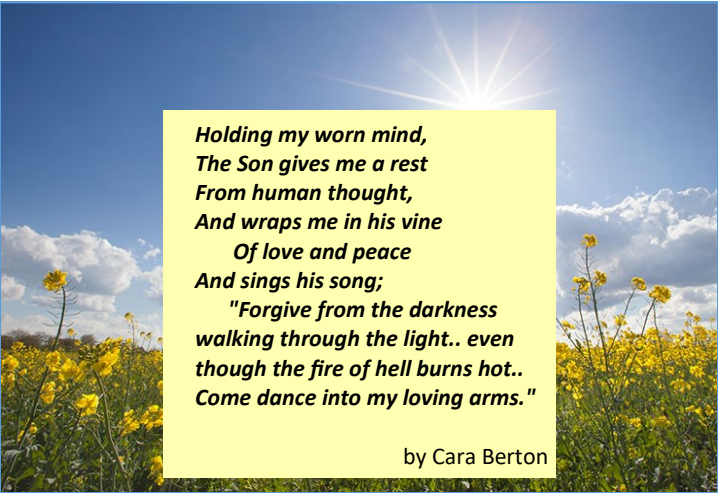
*James 1:17—Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

The arts have been a part of Central for many years. We've had concerts that included original music, plays written and performed by Central members and friends, arts festivals and exhibits. All of it aimed to glorify God. This new section will promote and encourage a sustained interest in our writers, musicians, composers, performers and interpretive artists/dancers. All aimed to glorify God and promote the gospel. Your poems, short stories and essays will be published here. Your productions, exhibitions and works will be promoted here. And as you write, compose, paint, dance, it will show how the Spirit of God moves through you to glorify God and promote the gospel.

We will begin accepting your submissions for the September issue publication in August to be received no later than August

25th.

Below is an example of the creativity we have in Central. Cara Berton, a friend of Central's who regularly attends Sunday School, has participated in a discipleship group and attends in person when she can, wrote the poem below and has given permission to publish it here.



*Holding my worn mind,  
The Son gives me a rest  
From human thought,  
And wraps me in his vine  
Of love and peace  
And sings his song;  
"Forgive from the darkness  
walking through the light.. even  
though the fire of hell burns hot..  
Come dance into my loving arms."*

by Cara Berton